

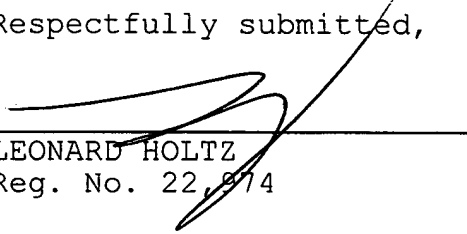
R E M A R K S

The specification has been amended at page 1 to identify that this application is a U.S. National Phase Application under 35 USC 371 of International Application PCT/JP03/14579.

Claims 4, 7 and 13 have been amended to delete the multiple dependencies thereof, and new claims 17-21 have been added.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,



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